

Historical, Regional, and Academic Collections

Archives of the Jewish Federation of Nashville & Middle Tennessee

801 Percy Warner Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205 615-356-7170; 255

Holdings: Archives of the Nashville Jewish Federation and related organizations in the Jewish community, such as the Jewish Community Center, Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Family Services, Hadassah, Akiva Day School, families, business, and synagogues. The holdings include oral history collections of Holocaust survivors and older adults.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library Local History and Genealogy Department

1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402 423-757-5317

Holdings: The collection includes the papers of prominent citizens, families, politicians, organizations, and businesses from Chattanooga/Hamilton County. Early municipal records for the City of Chattanooga are also included. Other types of holdings include original documents, photographs/negatives, microfilm, prints/illustrations, maps, audio tapes, video tapes, and electronic records.

Cumberland University Vise Library, Stockton Archives

One Cumberland Square, Lebanon, TN 37087 615-444-2562; 1174

Holdings: The holdings include university presidential papers, autograph books, photographs, oral histories, diaries, university catalogs, church material, football records, fraternity records, board minutes, and more. The manuscript collections include the Robert N. Clement Presidential Papers, the Congressman Nicholas Cox Collection, the Thackston Adams Foundation Collection, the Joe L. Evins Congressional Collection, the Governor William B. Campbell Collection, and more.

David Lipscomb University Beaman Library

3901 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204 615-279-6031

Holdings: Holdings include university archives from the school's founding in 1891 (as the Nashville Bible School) as well as the Restoration Collection, which includes books, pamphlets, photographs, papers relating to Churches of Christ and developments of the 19th century religious revival movement of the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church. The archive also has the Bailey Hymnology Collection, which includes 2,500 items relating to hymnology, the history of religious music, and hymn writers. Other significant collections include the Lipscomb Family Collection, the Batsell Barrett Baxter Collection, and the Helena May Haralson Johnson Collection.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society Library and Archives

1101 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212 615-327-1444

Holdings: The archive and library at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, founded in 1931, collects material pertaining to the Stone-Campbell Movement, which includes the Disciples of Christ, the Churches of Christ, and the Christian Churches. The collection includes thirty-five thousand volumes, twenty-five thousand biographical files, and seventeen thousand congregational files, in addition to audio-visual items, photographs, microfilm, personal papers, and more. The materials largely pertain to religious history, local and regional history, educational history, philosophy, and theology.

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East Tennessee State University Sherrod Library, Archives of Appalachia

Lake and Seehorn Drive, PO Box 70295, Johnson City, TN 37614 423-439-4338

Holdings: The collection includes manuscripts, business and organizational records, field recordings, photographs, videotapes, maps, and ephemera. Subjects covered include Appalachian traditional music, crafts, and folklore, early history of East Tennessee, and more. The collection also includes loose Washington County court records, minutes, ordinances, and deeds for Johnson City, 1770s-2000.

Fisk University Library and Media Center, Special Collections

1000 17th Avenue North at Jackson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 615-329-8646

Holdings: Special Collections consist mainly of primary and secondary material on African-American themes. Collections include the university archives as well as the papers and works of scholars and literary figures of national acclaim. Among these include: the Arna Bontemps Collection, the Charles Waddell Chesnutt Collection, the Alice Coachman Davis Collection, the Thomas Andrew Dorsey Collection, the Aaron Douglas Collection, the W.E.B. Du Bois Collection, the Fisk Jubilee Singers Collection, the George Gershwin Memorial Collection of Music and Musical Literature, the George Edmund Haynes Collection, the Langston Hughes Collection, the Charles Spurgeon Johnson Collection, the James Weldon Johnson Collection, the Scott Joplin Collection, the John Mercer Langston Collection, the James Carroll Napier Collection, the J.A. Rogers Collection, the Julius Rosenwald Fund Archives, the Sigma Pi Phi Papers, the Thomas W. Talley Collection, the John Wesley Work, III Collection, and the Black Oral History Collection.

Hermitage, The Ladies' Hermitage Association

4580 Rachel's Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076 615-889-2941

Holdings: Holdings include Andrew Jackson manuscript materials, which include letters of Andrew Jackson and his family. The Hermitage is also involved with the Andrew Jackson Papers Project, and holds microfilmed records of Andrew Jackson papers from other institutions. The Hermitage also has a postcard collection which includes 700 items from 1900 to the present. Additionally, they have over 4,000 photographs of Hermitage-related material, mostly post-1880, and a large print collection that includes images of Andrew Jackson, the Hermitage, and political cartoons. The facility also maintains the Ladies' Hermitage Association archives from 1889 to present, which include photographs, clippings, minutes, records of activities, and publications.

Jackson-Madison County Library

433 East Lafayette Street, Jackson, TN 38301 731-425-8600

Holdings: This special collection is devoted to research in genealogy and local history; the library collects material related to West Tennessee regional history, Tennessee state history, local family histories, and local history concerning Madison County and Jackson. In addition to over 5,000 books, there are microfilm rolls containing Madison County records, Tennessee census (1810-1920), Jackson newspapers (1823-1935), Tennessee death indexes (1908-1940) and other Tennessee state originated collections. The following items are also available: maps, atlases and gazetteers; Jackson city directories, funeral records, vertical files, photographs.

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Knoxville-Knox County Public Library McClung Historical Collection

500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902 865-544-5744

Holdings: The Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection is a center for historical and genealogical research. The McClung Historical Center includes information and records on East Tennessee, the state of Tennessee, and the southern Appalachian region. The McClung Collection hosts one of the most complete collections of East Tennessee materials available. Special items include material on the World's Fair in 1982 in Knoxville, the First Families of Tennessee Collection, Great Smoky Mountains related collections, Thompson photographs, Tracy photographs, and numerous genealogies. The types of materials available include original documents, photographs/negatives, microfilm, prints/illustrations, maps, audio tapes, video tapes, and electronic records. Some early county records are also available, including some original Grainger and Washington County records, located in the Penelope Johnson Allen materials and the Paul Fink Collection, respectively.

Lincoln Memorial University Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum

Cumberland Gap Parkway, Harrogate, TN 37752 423-869-6235

Holdings: The items held include rare books, pamphlets, regimental histories and rosters, Civil War sheet music, manuscript collections, newspaper clippings, and photographs, many of which relate to Abraham Lincoln. In addition to the significant collection of Lincolniana, manuscript collections are chiefly related to the Civil War period. The photographic holdings include a large carte-de-visite collection and a rare photographic collection of 19th century Americana printed by Frederick H. Meserve: approximately 8,000 photographs in a twenty-eight volume set.

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library & Information Center

3030 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111 901-415-2742

Holdings: The Memphis & Shelby County Room holds the Library's local history collection and includes books, newspaper clippings, photographs, maps, bound periodicals, manuscript collections, and oral history tapes. The library also has papers of individuals and organizations in the areas of business, politics, education, religion, entertainment, genealogy, and more. Specific manuscript collections include the 19th Century Yellow Fever collection, the Gideon Pillow Civil War Letters, the Goldsmith Department Store Collection, the Judge John D. Martin Papers, the George W. Lee Collection, the Colonel Roane Waring Papers, the Jerry Lee Lewis Collection, and papers of Memphis women Montgomery Cooper, Roberta Church, Selma Lewis, Maxine A. Smith, and Gwen R. Awsumb.

Middle Tennessee State University Albert Gore, Sr. Research Center

PO Box 193, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 615-898-2632

Holdings: The Albert Gore, Sr. Research Center is a manuscripts repository with a focus on the history of politics and public policy and on Middle Tennessee State University and the region it serves. The papers of Albert Gore, Sr. form the cornerstone of the Center's collection. Other political collections include the papers of Jim Cooper, James H. Cummings, and John Bragg. The Center also collects personal papers, photographs, and records of community organizations from Middle Tennessee. Major collections include the Walter King Hoover Papers, the Pittard Collection of Civil War research materials, the Gillespie Aviation Collection, and records of the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women.

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Middle Tennessee State University Center for Popular Music

John Bragg Mass Communications Bldg., Room 140, PO Box 41, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 615-898-5884

Holdings: The collection includes music of Tennessee and the Southeast United States, African-American music, rock and roll music and its roots, vernacular religious music, popular dance music, and music that reflects social and political history. Specialized collections include Ray Avery (ragtime, jazz, blues), the Kenneth Goldstein Collection of American Broadsides, Songsters, & Songbooks, the Alfred Moffatt Collection of eighteenth century British imprints, the Bill Harrison Collection (old time fiddle music), Mike Doty (jazz scrapbooks), the Billy Carter Scrapbook (nineteenth century minstrel), the Brad McCuen Collection (music industry production), black harmony singing, denominational hymnals, and gospel songbooks.

Nashville Public Library Special Collections The Nashville Room

615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219 615-862-5782

Holdings: The Special Collections Division and Nashville Room serves as a repository for historic Nashville and Tennessee (especially middle Tennessee) materials. In addition to over 16,000 books, the collection includes non-book materials such as posters, programs, postcards, photos, slides, maps, ephemera, microfilm, newspapers, scrapbooks, letters, oral histories, and considerable middle Tennessee genealogical material. Part of the library's growing Civil Rights Collection is now housed in a newly renovated Civil Rights Room featuring photographs from Nashville's 1960s sit-in movement as well as videos and oral histories pertaining to the civil rights movement. The library also maintains the Nashville Banner archives.

National Civil Rights Museum

450 Mulberry Street, Memphis, TN 38103 901-521-9699

Holdings: The holdings include an archival evidence collection (documentation compiled by the Shelby County District Attorney's office on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination) and local, regional, national, and Black Panther Party newspapers. Other holdings include photographs of civil and human rights events and people, and the National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award Honorees.

Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203 615-244-0344

Holdings: The holdings include annuals (minutes and proceedings) of Baptist associations and conventions, comprehensive files of Baptist newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, audio and video recordings, and photographs. The manuscript collections include personal collections and official denominational records. The microfilm collection includes copies of newspapers, periodicals, rare books, annuals, church records, theses, dissertations, manuscript collections, and more.

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Tennessee Historical Society

300 Capitol Blvd., War Memorial Building, Nashville, TN 37243 615-741-8934

Holdings: The collections are housed at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and are available for public use there. The collection is especially strong in frontier, early republic, antebellum, and Civil War Tennessee. The types of holdings include original documents, photographs/negatives, microfilm, prints/illustrations, maps, audio tapes, and video tapes. Manuscript collections include those of prominent Tennesseans such as Andrew Jackson, John Coffee, John Overton, James Winchester, Luke Lea, and Thomas Stribling, as well as an important collection of miscellaneous documents.

Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) Public Services Department

403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243 615-741-2764

Holdings: TSLA, the largest and oldest repository in Tennessee, is the official repository for permanent state agency records and Tennessee Historical Society collections, governors' papers, historical documents, papers of prominent Tennesseans, manuscript collections, post cards, photograph collections, genealogical materials, legislative recordings and legislative history, oral histories, county records on microfilm, vertical files, federal census records, county and family histories, military records, and more. TSLA also has the papers of three former U.S. presidents: Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James K. Polk.

Tennessee State University Brown-Daniel Memorial Library, Special Collections

3500 John E. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, TN 37209 615-963-5219

Holdings: Holdings include original documents, photographs, microfilm, audio and video tapes, rare books, university archives including digital resources, yearbooks, official publications, theses and dissertations, and more. The manuscript collections include the Avon Williams Collection, the Edward Temple Collection, the Merle R. Eppse Collection, the Gladys B. Adams Collection, the Clarence Robinson Collection, the Thomas Edward Poag Collection, and more.

Tennessee Technological University Archives Volpe Library

1100 N. Peachtree Ave., Box 5066, Cookeville, TN 38505 931-372-3537

Holdings: The collection includes academic and personal papers and a diverse collection of university records. The collection relates to the history and development of TTU, with special interest in the development of programs within Tennessee Technological University. Manuscript collections include the papers of Congressman Joe L. Evins, Senator Tommy Burks, the composer and folklorist Charles F. Bryan, Sgt. Alvin York, and Cordell Hull. The archives also preserves records of lasting value to the Upper Cumberland Region.

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Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Cultural Resources Management

17 Ridgeway Road, Norris, TN 37828 865-632-1582

Holdings: Although the majority of the agency's records have been transferred to the National Archives facility in Georgia, TVA does operate several repositories in Tennessee. TVA's Cultural Resources archive holds most of the black-and-white photographs from the voluminous public relations files of the 1930s and 1940s, including the small but significant body of Lewis Hines' work for the agency. The facility also maintains private manuscript collections related to TVA, as well as scrapbooks, maps, and microfilm.

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Research Library

400 W. Summit Hill Drive, East Tower, Knoxville, TN 37902 865-632-7865

Holdings: Although officially a library, this facility is heir to the old TVA Technical Library and therefore holds a variety of one-of-a-kind materials from TVA's early days. Typescript reports and studies by TVA staffers, newspaper clipping files, and a small number of maps, photographs, and surveys represent an important 'special collection' that sheds light on the activities of TVA's many divisions during the dam construction projects.

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Maps and Photo Records

1101 Market Street, HB 1A, Chattanooga, TN 37402 423-751-6277

Holdings: Formerly the Maps and Surveys archive of TVA, this facility holds significant collections of Tennessee aerial photographs from 1937 forward as well as the land acquisition maps from the many dam projects in the state. TVA produced and collaborated with other state and federal agencies to produce many different kinds of maps from the 1930s onward, including soil survey and planometric quadrangle maps and maps incorporating hydrological, economic, and demographic data.

University of Memphis Special Collections Department Mississippi Valley Collection

126 Ned McWherter Library, Memphis, TN 38152 901-678-2210

Holdings: The collection consists of printed and manuscript materials, photographs, maps, oral history interviews, and other formats, documenting the history and culture of the lower Mississippi River valley. Subjects covered include the American Civil War, African-American history, American popular entertainment, American and British theater, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the experiences of Mid-Southerners in the World Wars. The collection includes over 500 separately organized manuscript collections and over 500,000 photographs from 1900-1980, most of which are original prints from the photo morgue files of the major Memphis dailies.

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University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Lupton Library and University Archives

615 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37403 423-425-2186

Holdings: The holdings include the university archives, the archives of the Fellowship of Southern writers, manuscript collections and personal papers, and rare books. The university archives includes meeting minutes, newsletters, maps, photographs, and more. The manuscript collections include papers donated by local citizens and authors, historians, politicians, and former university faculty and administrators. These collections include correspondence, memorabilia, early drafts of published works, and more. Individual items include letters from politicians such as John F. Kennedy, Harry Truman, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Cordell Hull, Albert Gore, Adlai Stevenson, and many notable Tennessee politicians. There are also letters from writer such as C. S. Lewis, Robert Penn Warren, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Mohandes K. Gandhi, and Mark Van Doren.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville James D. Hoskins Library, Special Collections

1401 Cumberland Ave., Knoxville, TN 37996 865-974-4480

Holdings: The Special Collections, located in the Hoskins Library, is the repository for rare books, University Archives, manuscripts, and other unusual items of non-standard format (rare maps, prints, and historical ephemera). The official records of the University include the papers generated by all University offices in the course of their daily business, including the president's office, Board of Trustees, financial records, personnel, etc., as well as an extensive photograph collection. The manuscript collection includes private papers, literary manuscripts, business records, political files, papers of important TVA personnel, and historical records mostly relating to Tennessee and the Southeast. The largest manuscript set is the Estes Kefauver Collection; also available are original documents of Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson, John Sevier, Wililam Blount, William Cocke, and James Robertson.

University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library Corbitt Special Collections/University Archives

1 Wayne Fisher Drive, Martin, TN 38238 731-587-7094

Holdings: The Special Collections Department at the Paul Meek Library is a regional repository for historic documents and records located on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus. The Department's research room and library also serve as a resource center for local and state history and genealogical research particularly of the western part of Tennessee. The Special Collections Department is divided into five separate collections the University Archives, the Manuscript Collection, the State and Regional History Collection, the Genealogy Collection and the Oral History Collection. Holdings include the correspondence and subject files of Holland McCombs (Martin native; writer and Dallas bureau chief for Life Magazine 1935-73), the papers of Ed Jones (U.S. Congressman 1968-88), House papers of Ned Ray McWherter (Tennessee Representative, Speaker of the House 1967-88), and regionally related manuscript materials. Some county and local government records are also available.

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University of the South Jessie Ball DuPont Library, Special Collections

735 University Ave., Sewanee, TN 37383 931-598-3213

Holdings: The holdings include original documents, photographs/negatives, microfilm, prints/illustrations, maps, audio and video tapes, and electronic records. The holdings also include records of the University of the South, the surrounding community, the Episcopal church, and the Diocese of Tennessee. The archive also holds personal collections of those associated with the university; some notable holdings include the Leonidas Polk Collection, the Tennessee Diocesan Collection, and the photographs of Bishop Charles Todd Quintard.

Vanderbilt University Vanderbilt Television News Archives

110 21st Ave. South, Suite 704, Nashville, TN 37203 615-322-2927

Holdings: The collection includes more than 30,000 individual network evening news broadcasts from the three major networks (ABC, CBS, NBC) and CNN, and more than 8,000 hours of special news-related programming. The special reports and periodic news broadcasts cover political campaigns and presidential press conferences. National and international events are also covered, including the Watergate hearings, the plights of American hostages in Iran, and the Persian Gulf War. The archive has consistently preserved network television news since 1968.

Vanderbilt University Jean and Alexander Heard Library Special Collections and University Archives

419 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37240 615-322-2807

Holdings: The Special Collections and University Archives holds more than 3,300 cubic feet of university records, 2,500 cubic feet of manuscript collections, and over 40,000 books. The manuscript holdings include the Fugitive/Agrarian Collection, the Performing Arts Collections, the Southern History & Culture Collection, and more. The records of the university document the history of over 100 schools, departments, and programs. They include extensive records of the founding of the university in 1873 and its subsequent development. The photographic collections consist of over 150,000 images, the subject of which is primarily the history of Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College. The collection also includes rare books gathered over the history of the Vanderbilt University Library, including the Sevier Collection, the Jesse Ely Wills Collection, the Sam Fleming Southern Civilization Collection, and the Vanderbilt Collection.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) Eskind Biomedical Library Vanderbilt University Medical Archives

2209 Garland Ave., Suite 010, Nashville, TN 37232 615-343-9617

Holdings: The VUMC Archives preserves the history of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the history of its three major disciplines: medicine, nursing, and biomedical research. The Medical Archives is the repository for all institutional records. Holdings include the personal papers of distinguished faculty such as Stanley Cohen, Joseph Goldberger, and Ernest W. Goodpasture, and other medical scientists. Records are also preserved from the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the Hospital, the Vanderbilt Clinic, and the American Institute of Nutrition.